Dear Ed, Re your 18: 8/24/72

There was a foolish moment when I thought Sprague had nowhere to go but up.

The newest Computers madness, like a speech he made to a gathering in that field in Chattanooga (sent to me By Ray, by the way), persuades me that I still suffer optimism that can fairly be called incurable.

Your notes, with one exception, right on the button. The Braden bit did not originate with Noyes. Bud, Garrison et al, including all the west-coast sick, were big for it. It may even have originated with Sprague, for I'm sure he was one of the first off on that spoor.

Except what you read in the papers, believe nothing in this piece. Examples are the CTIA "investigators" interview with Hemming: He could have said no such think. I presume this refers to Bud, who could not investigate the female genitalia in a whore house. The tragedy is the utter and permeating incompetence of those with the means to get around and do things.

Whe they blunder into something, they don't then undrrstand it.

Mae Brussell and Paul Krassner have also gotten together on a longer intellectual schlockery I already have. There is no end to this or to the undermining it causes.

And there is no way of doing anything about it because these BELIEVE. They are our own dedicated wrong. Many thanks,